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24th Annual Light the Night Against Crime 5k Run/Walk

RELEASE DATE: October 23, 2010

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

Time: Start time is 7:00 PM, Registration starts at 5:00 PM

Place: Park Blvd. and Presidents Way

Event: LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK

San Diego County Crime Stoppers is hosting the 24th annual LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK on October 23rd at Balboa Park. This annual event is unique in that it was the first ever event of its type to be staged at night.

Sheriff Bill Gore, San Diego Police Chief Bill Lansdowne, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, and representatives from the Chelsea's Light Foundation will be on hand to send off the participants, who number more than 3,000 runners and walkers this year. Prior to the race, local law enforcement agencies will provide displays of equipment from SWAT teams, search and rescue, and dog teams. This year's 5K RUN/WALK is presented by Generic Events, for San Diego County Crime Stoppers.

This year, the race is dedicated to getting fugitive sex offenders off of the streets of San Diego County. Through our fugitive round-up, 4 suspects are already in custody and leads on additional suspects are under investigation. Victor Ken Taylor, Michael Anthony Marquez, Michael Doyle Robertson, and Gary Crall are the suspects who were arrested; we expect more arrests in the coming weeks.

This event raises funds for cash rewards paid to people who call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip lines with information leading to the arrest of felons in San Diego County. Since its inception in 1984, Crime Stoppers has assisted in solving 4,000 cases including 109 homicides, 41 rapes and 668 robberies. Crime Stoppers has also helped apprehend over 2,700 suspects. Police acknowledge that many crimes would go unsolved without the help of Crime Stoppers. Many other crimes would require lengthy investigations at considerable cost to the public, and offenders would remain free to commit other crimes.

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